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Subject: Danube Port at Giurgiu, Romania/Russe, Bulgaria

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SOURCE:

1. Giurgiu, Romania, and Russe [Ruschuk], Bulgaria, are located across from each other on the Danube River on the border of the two countries. They are regarded as important river ports, primarily because of the oil tank farm located at the end of a pipe line on the Romanian side. There are many storage tanks each with a capacity of about one thousand metric tons. A short pipe line runs above ground from the tank farm to the river's edge where river tankers are loaded for transport to the USSR. About eight or 10 tankers and oil barges, each with a capacity of 800 to one thousand tons can be loaded each day. The pipe line leading to the tank farm crosses a small river by being attached underneath the vehicle bridge located there. A guard is mounted on this bridge.
2. There is much railroad traffic across the river between the two towns. A ferry system is used because of the lack of a bridge. Ferries ply between the two towns each half hour, each carrying about 10 freight or tank cars.
3. I do not recall any warehouses as such on the Romanian side of the river. On the Bulgarian side, however, there were two or three, each a one-story building with a capacity of about one thousand tons. Tobacco, wine and fresh fruits and vegetables were warehoused mostly.
4. The river at this point was deep enough to accommodate ocean going vessels (Romanian and Bulgarian) of 15 thousand tons.
5. Up to 1948 there were few restrictions placed upon us going ashore into Romania or Bulgaria. Our passport and seaman's pass were sufficient identification and no special passes were needed.
6. The attached sketch is not drawn to scale, but it portrays the port areas as I recall them.
/Available at the CIA Library is a sketch map, not drawn to scale, which shows the Giurgiu, Rumania-Russe, Bulgaria port area./

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